



**Deborah P. Pedersen**

Chief Learn and Earn Online Officer

Born and raised in Murfreesboro, NC Mrs. Pedersen began her career as a media specialist in Portsmouth, VA opening a library in a new high school which also served the public. While earning a Master's degree in instructional media, Mrs. Pedersen was involved in the opening of Charlottesville High School

with totally integrated video. Later she served as a media specialist in the Richmond Public Schools. Returning to North Carolina Mrs. Pedersen served as a media specialist at Carrboro Elementary School while working with the Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools to automate and renovate school media centers. Mrs. Pedersen helped to develop the Students Constructing their Own Understanding Technology (SCOUT) camp. SCOUT camp was acclaimed by and highlighted in the US Department of Education "Technology and Teachers" program. In 1998, as valuable educational web sites became available, Mrs. Pedersen transitioned to LEARN NC to start the online media center. Later the Principals' Executive Program (PEP) asked Mrs. Pedersen to assist in directing Principals As Technology Leaders, a state-wide grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Mrs. Pedersen became the director of the grant in 2001. Through this Gates Foundation grant over 1,600 principals in North Carolina received a laptop computer and four days of professional development in project-based instruction and internet resources. In April 2009, Mrs. Pedersen accepted the Chief Learn and Earn Online Officer position at NCVPS.

**Education**

Mrs. Pedersen holds a bachelor's degree in Library Science from East Carolina University and a master's degree in Educational Media from the University of Virginia. She holds a current North Carolina teaching license, certified in the areas of K-12 Media Coordinator and Computer Education.

**Personal Vision Statement**

I have worked throughout my career to awaken in students the love of learning, anywhere anytime. All students, whether in Aulander or Raleigh, deserve the best we have to offer. The 21<sup>st</sup> century environment enables educators to deliver; it is my job to support/encourage teachers in that delivery.